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In addition to the crimes, she perpetrated against myself, I would ask the court to consider the betrayal of Lori's position and influence when determining her sentence. She was a trusted member of the Oregon State Bar and a president of the OWL. She took advantage of her position and the trust given to her by the OSB and OWL.

Please make an example of her to others and impose the maximum sentence allowed.

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Judge Mosman:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write a letter to describe how Lori Deveny's criminal actions have affected my life. I'm sure you will receive many letters such as this, so, I will try and be succinct in my comments. I met Lori Deveny in 2016 after I was involved in a hit and run accident on 2/19/16 and sustained several injuries, including a concussive head trauma along with some other injuries. I had also been involved in two other accidents where my vehicle was rear-ended by inattentive drivers. One on 12/10/14 and one on 3/27/15. I sustained various soft tissue injuries in both of those accidents. Prior to my third accident, I was trying to deal with settling with the insurance companies myself. However, my head injury from the third accident, which affected my balance and my language and motor skills, made my ability to handle my own insurance claims unmanageable.

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Lori, I soon learned, was often difficult to reach via phone, text or email. However, she made one thing very clear in the beginning – I was never to talk to the insurance companies. She was the only one to have communication with them. When I would question the delays in payment or suggest that I could call them, she would reprimand me and remind me that I was never to call them. I felt like Lori would always play on my emotions when she finally did call me back, and I would always end up apologizing from my frustration in the resolution taking so long. I remember her calling me back three days after she said her husband had shot himself in front of her in the living room and then she added that her dog had died as well. She had absolutely no emotion in her voice. I questioned that, and she said his kids had just left and she had already gotten her crying out. I hung up with more questions than answers, and found her calm in such trauma abnormal and unsettling.

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Unfortunately, my case files were in complete disarray and missing information between what I retrieved from the local attorney's office and the Bar Association. I called the insurance companies of all 3 of my accidents and found the following:

Accident 1: A \$15,000 check was sent to Lori Deveny on 5/10/17, cashed by her on 5/19/17, and she finally issued me a \$12,000 check on 5/3/18. I had not signed a settlement nor was I aware that Lori had received a check a year prior.

Accident 2: Lori was insistent I come to her office on 7/27/18 early in the morning to retrieve a settlement release for \$25,000 and have it notarized with my signature and returned to her promptly that morning. I did as she demanded, and I never saw that \$25,000. I had no idea she was stealing from her clients and was already disbarred by this point. I really needed that money to help continue my care from my third accident because I had long exhausted my \$15,000 PIP policy. I had to discontinue the treatments that were helping me to restore my normal brain function because I did not have the personal funds to continue my care. This was neither easy nor provided a good quality of life for me.

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